

Table 4-29.***Percent Distribution of Veterans by Reasons for Never Using VA Health Care, Race, and Age***

	Total One Race						
	Total	Less Than 35 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75 Years or Older
Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	8,240,656	459,570	809,310	1,975,701	1,376,733	1,850,662	1,738,054
Responding on Item	15,616,470	1,602,679	1,998,793	3,080,721	3,325,175	3,226,480	2,282,567
Did not need any care	23.6 (0.5)	27.4 (1.9)	23.0 (1.2)	24.3 (1.2)	21.4 (0.9)	23.8 (0.9)	23.9 (1.4)
Not aware of the VA health care benefits	21.7 (0.5)	28.8 (2.1)	22.6 (1.4)	23.6 (1.1)	22.8 (1.2)	18.4 (0.9)	16.0 (0.8)
Did not believe self entitled /eligible for health benefits	20.2 (0.5)	24.4 (1.4)	26.8 (1.5)	18.6 (0.9)	23.5 (1.2)	16.9 (1.0)	13.6 (1.1)
Did not know how to apply for health care benefits	2.2 (0.1)	3.7 (0.8)	3.3 (0.7)	2.0 (0.4)	2.0 (0.3)	1.7 (0.3)	1.4 (0.3)
Did not need or want assistance from the VA	8.0 (0.3)	5.8 (1.2)	6.0 (0.8)	6.9 (0.7)	7.0 (0.5)	9.8 (0.6)	11.9 (1.0)
Applying for health care benefits too much trouble or red tape	2.9 (0.2)	2.2 (0.6)	2.5 (0.6)	3.6 (0.6)	2.1 (0.3)	3.2 (0.4)	3.6 (0.5)
Never considered getting any health care from the VA	5.2 (0.3)	1.8 (0.5)	4.4 (0.8)	4.5 (0.5)	5.1 (0.6)	7.1 (0.6)	7.2 (0.7)
Didn't think VA health care would be as good as that available elsewhere	3.0 (0.2)	1.8 (0.5)	2.8 (0.5)	3.5 (0.5)	3.5 (0.4)	2.7 (0.4)	2.9 (0.5)
Uses other sources for health care	32.1 (0.5)	20.9 (2.0)	28.0 (1.7)	32.7 (1.1)	34.9 (1.1)	35.3 (1.1)	34.7 (1.0)

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VA care is inconvenient	13.3 (0.4)	8.6 (0.9)	12.8 (1.1)	15.5 (1.0)	12.5 (1.0)	13.8 (0.9)	15.1 (1.2)
Other	9.2 (0.4)	9.3 (1.1)	8.5 (1.1)	9.5 (0.8)	8.6 (0.7)	9.2 (0.7)	10.6 (0.9)
Unknown	0.6 (0.1)	0.4* (0.2)	0.4* (0.2)	0.5* (0.2)	0.3* (0.1)	0.8 (0.2)	0.8* (0.2)

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	White						
	Total	Less Than 35 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75 Years or Older
Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	7,046,698	358,644	564,683	1,613,253	1,207,864	1,655,824	1,616,847
Responding on Item	14,324,200	1,346,955	1,657,657	2,830,125	3,142,963	3,043,531	2,217,452
Did not need any care	24.0 (0.5)	28.6 (2.1)	23.2 (1.4)	24.6 (1.2)	21.7 (1.0)	24.1 (0.9)	24.3 (1.4)
Not aware of the VA health care benefits	21.7 (0.5)	28.9 (2.2)	22.5 (1.6)	23.6 (1.1)	23.3 (1.2)	18.9 (0.9)	15.7 (0.9)
Did not believe self entitled /eligible for health benefits	20.4 (0.5)	22.6 (1.5)	28.7 (1.6)	18.8 (1.0)	24.1 (1.2)	17.4 (1.1)	13.9 (1.1)
Did not know how to apply for health care benefits	2.0 (0.1)	3.1 (0.6)	2.6 (0.6)	1.9 (0.4)	2.0 (0.3)	1.7 (0.3)	1.4 (0.3)
Did not need or want assistance from the VA	8.2 (0.3)	6.3 (1.3)	5.8 (0.9)	7.4 (0.8)	7.1 (0.6)	9.7 (0.6)	11.8 (1.0)
Applying for health care benefits too much trouble or red tape	2.7 (0.2)	1.9 (0.5)	1.9 (0.5)	3.7 (0.6)	1.8 (0.3)	3.1 (0.4)	3.6 (0.5)
Never considered getting any health care from the VA	5.3 (0.3)	1.9 (0.6)	4.2 (0.8)	4.5 (0.5)	5.1 (0.6)	7.1 (0.6)	7.1 (0.6)
Didn't think VA health care would be as good as that available elsewhere	3.0 (0.2)	1.4* (0.4)	2.7 (0.6)	3.7 (0.5)	3.5 (0.4)	2.7 (0.4)	2.9 (0.5)
Uses other sources for health care	32.2 (0.5)	21.2 (2.0)	27.7 (1.6)	32.6 (1.1)	34.5 (1.2)	35.2 (1.1)	34.6 (1.0)

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Other	9.0 (0.4)	8.9 (1.3)	8.9 (1.3)	9.2 (0.9)	8.0 (0.7)	9.0 (0.7)	10.2 (0.9)
Unknown	0.5 (0.1)	0.4* (0.3)	0.3* (0.2)	0.4* (0.2)	0.2* (0.1)	0.9 (0.2)	0.8* (0.3)

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	Total	Less Than 35 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75 Years or Older
Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	1,088,759	92,856	232,349	327,034	147,845	181,134	107,541
Responding on Item	1,127,875	226,049	293,628	222,519	154,915	161,702	55,761
Did not need any care	19.3 (1.3)	20.1 (4.5)	21.0 (3.4)	21.0 (3.2)	17.9 (4.7)	16.4 (3.9)	11.4* (5.9)
Not aware of the VA health care benefits	21.6 (1.9)	28.5 (5.0)	22.8 (4.2)	25.7 (4.5)	13.8 (3.9)	9.8* (5.3)	25.0* (11.6)
Did not believe self entitled /eligible for health benefits	18.6 (1.6)	36.2 (5.3)	17.6 (3.8)	16.5 (4.1)	10.2* (3.2)	9.7* (3.9)	5.4* (4.0)
Did not know how to apply for health care benefits	4.3 (1.1)	7.4* (4.0)	7.3* (2.8)	1.0* (1.0)	2.1* (1.7)	1.9* (1.9)	3.7* (3.5)
Did not need or want assistance from the VA	6.4 (1.2)	2.5* (1.9)	7.5* (2.8)	1.3* (1.0)	6.7* (3.1)	12.3* (4.2)	16.9* (8.4)
Applying for health care benefits too much trouble or red tape	4.7 (1.2)	4.2* (2.6)	5.6* (3.0)	1.8* (1.4)	6.4* (2.9)	5.6* (3.1)	7.6* (6.9)
Never considered getting any health care from the VA	4.5 (1.1)	1.1* (1.1)	5.1* (2.6)	4.2* (1.9)	4.9* (2.6)	5.9* (2.9)	12.2* (7.8)
Didn't think VA health care would be as good as that available elsewhere	2.9 (0.8)	4.1* (2.3)	3.9* (1.8)	1.0* (0.9)	2.1* (1.6)	1.9* (1.3)	3.3* (3.5)
Uses other sources for health care	31.7 (2.5)	19.4 (4.2)	31.4 (6.2)	33.5 (4.5)	40.5 (5.6)	37.4 (5.7)	38.9* (8.3)

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Other	12.0 (1.6)	12.5 (3.6)	6.1* (2.2)	11.2 (3.1)	19.9 (3.6)	12.3* (4.6)	24.8* (11.5)
Unknown	0.8* (0.4)	0.0 (N/A)	0.0 (N/A)	2.1* (1.5)	2.2* (1.7)	0.6* (0.6)	0.0* (N/A)

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	Total	Less Than 35 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75 Years or Older
Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	64,935	3,730	10,644	21,433	11,365	9,441	8,322
Responding on Item	94,916	17,941	33,263	17,602	14,515	6,625	3,733
Did not need any care	21.6 (5.1)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Not aware of the VA health care benefits	23.3 (5.1)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Did not believe self entitled /eligible for health benefits	15.4* (4.7)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Did not know how to apply for health care benefits	3.3* (2.4)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Did not need or want assistance from the VA	2.7* (1.8)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Applying for health care benefits too much trouble or red tape	3.5* (1.8)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Never considered getting any health care from the VA	4.3* (2.0)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Didn't think VA health care would be as good as that available elsewhere	3.2* (1.6)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Uses other sources for health care	22.7 (5.0)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)

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Other	17.0 (4.5)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Unknown	2.3* (2.3)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)

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Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	25,290	3,452	946	5,790	6,168	2,880	5,010
Responding on Item	47,913	10,859	7,835	4,004	11,646	8,686	4,882
Did not need any care	18.5* (6.5)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Not aware of the VA health care benefits	15.1* (6.0)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Did not believe self entitled /eligible for health benefits	24.9* (7.7)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Did not know how to apply for health care benefits	0.0* (N/A)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Did not need or want assistance from the VA	7.6* (5.9)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Applying for health care benefits too much trouble or red tape	3.7* (2.6)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Never considered getting any health care from the VA	3.7* (2.7)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Didn't think VA health care would be as good as that available elsewhere	6.3* (4.5)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Uses other sources for health care	35.9* (8.6)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)

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Other	5.0* (2.7)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Unknown	0.0* (N/A)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)

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Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	14,974	888	688	8,190	3,491	1,383	335
Responding on Item	21,567	875	6,410	6,470	1,136	5,937	739
Did not need any care	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (N/A)
Not aware of the VA health care benefits	NR (NR)	NR (N/A)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Did not believe self entitled /eligible for health benefits	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Did not know how to apply for health care benefits	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Did not need or want assistance from the VA	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Applying for health care benefits too much trouble or red tape	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Never considered getting any health care from the VA	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Didn't think VA health care would be as good as that available elsewhere	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)
Uses other sources for health care	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)	NR (N/A)	NR (NR)	NR (NR)

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	Total	Less Than 35 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75 Years or Older
Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	268,411	20,637	35,031	92,454	50,925	46,495	22,649
Responding on Item	289,129	58,159	54,680	64,809	57,802	37,998	15,005
Did not need any care	24.0 (3.0)	25.6* (8.2)	18.1* (6.5)	32.0* (9.2)	24.2 (5.7)	17.3* (5.6)	NR (NR)
Not aware of the VA health care benefits	18.7 (3.6)	23.3* (8.8)	15.0* (7.8)	24.5* (7.5)	12.7* (4.7)	23.8* (7.2)	NR (NR)
Did not believe self entitled /eligible for health benefits	24.4 (3.8)	24.5* (8.6)	36.9* (7.6)	28.6* (9.0)	20.8 (5.8)	12.3* (4.7)	NR (NR)
Did not know how to apply for health care benefits	3.9* (1.3)	4.6* (3.4)	0.0* (N/A)	7.1* (4.4)	3.2* (2.5)	5.2* (3.5)	NR (NR)
Did not need or want assistance from the VA	11.4 (2.9)	6.3* (4.3)	10.4* (8.8)	8.9* (5.3)	11.8* (6.3)	8.8* (5.3)	NR (NR)
Applying for health care benefits too much trouble or red tape	5.2* (1.7)	7.4* (4.7)	7.4* (5.1)	3.1* (1.9)	5.7* (3.2)	1.9* (1.9)	NR (NR)
Never considered getting any health care from the VA	2.4* (1.2)	0.0* (N/A)	8.8* (5.2)	0.9* (0.9)	0.9* (0.9)	1.1* (1.1)	NR (NR)
Didn't think VA health care would be as good as that available elsewhere	7.3 (1.7)	11.8* (5.9)	2.9* (2.3)	5.5* (4.1)	6.7* (3.9)	11.6* (5.3)	NR (NR)
Uses other sources for health care	24.4 (3.2)	16.9* (8.7)	18.5* (6.7)	33.1* (9.3)	25.3 (6.3)	32.0* (7.0)	NR (NR)

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VA care is inconvenient	14.2 (2.2)	19.9* (7.1)	7.1* (4.3)	15.6* (5.4)	18.0 (5.2)	7.2* (2.9)	NR (NR)
Other	11.9 (2.3)	13.6* (6.3)	11.9* (6.1)	7.2* (3.4)	17.9* (6.7)	12.0* (4.8)	NR (NR)
Unknown	0.6* (0.4)	0.0* (N/A)	0.0* (N/A)	1.6* (1.6)	0.2* (0.2)	1.8* (1.9)	NR (NR)

NOTE: Veteran may report more than one reason. The total "Responding on Item" is larger than the sum of the groups because some veterans did not indicate their age. * Low precision and/or sample size for the denominator between 30 and 59; NR: Sample size for the denominator less than 30; N/A: Standard Errors not available when estimate is equal to 0% or 100%

Table 4-29. (continued)***Percent Distribution of Veterans by Reasons for Never Using VA Health Care, Race, and Age***

	American Indian or Alaska Native/White						
	Total	Less Than 35 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75 Years or Older
Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	170,003	7,583	20,565	50,607	38,031	37,517	15,481
Responding on Item	190,753	27,688	37,472	36,728	47,517	33,888	6,783
Did not need any care	22.0 (3.4)	NR (NR)	21.7* (8.3)	23.0* (8.8)	27.8* (6.2)	18.1* (6.3)	NR (NR)
Not aware of the VA health care benefits	19.7 (4.4)	NR (NR)	14.0* (6.8)	32.9* (10.8)	12.5* (5.1)	20.7* (7.3)	NR (NR)
Did not believe self entitled /eligible for health benefits	25.4 (4.5)	NR (NR)	32.6* (9.7)	31.1* (11.4)	25.2* (6.8)	13.7* (5.1)	NR (NR)
Did not know how to apply for health care benefits	5.2* (1.9)	NR (NR)	0.0* (N/A)	12.5* (7.6)	3.9* (3.1)	2.5* (2.5)	NR (NR)
Did not need or want assistance from the VA	8.0* (2.9)	NR (NR)	15.1* (12.6)	2.2* (2.3)	6.8* (2.9)	9.9* (5.9)	NR (NR)
Applying for health care benefits too much trouble or red tape	4.5* (1.5)	NR (NR)	0.2* (0.2)	3.7* (2.7)	6.9* (4.0)	2.1* (2.1)	NR (NR)
Never considered getting any health care from the VA	3.7* (1.8)	NR (NR)	12.8* (7.6)	1.5* (1.6)	1.0* (1.1)	1.2* (1.2)	NR (NR)
Didn't think VA health care would be as good as that available elsewhere	7.2 (1.9)	NR (NR)	4.2* (3.4)	3.0* (2.2)	8.1* (4.8)	10.2* (5.7)	NR (NR)
Uses other sources for health care	25.9 (3.6)	NR (NR)	16.2* (7.6)	31.8* (12.7)	25.4* (6.3)	35.9* (7.2)	NR (NR)

NOTE: Veteran may report more than one reason. Only one sub-category of "Total Two or More Races" is shown because all other categories were too small to report. The total "Responding on Item" is larger than the sum of the groups because some veterans did not indicate their age. * Low precision and/or sample size for the denominator between 30 and 59; NR: Sample size for the denominator less than 30; N/A: Standard Errors not available when estimate is equal to 0% or 100%

Table 4-29. (continued)***Percent Distribution of Veterans by Reasons for Never Using VA Health Care, Race, and Age***

	American Indian or Alaska Native/White						
	Total	Less Than 35 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75 Years or Older
Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	170,003	7,583	20,565	50,607	38,031	37,517	15,481
Responding on Item	190,753	27,688	37,472	36,728	47,517	33,888	6,783
VA care is inconvenient	15.2 (2.6)	NR (NR)	8.9* (6.4)	20.9* (7.2)	16.4* (5.6)	6.8* (3.2)	NR (NR)
Other	11.8 (2.2)	NR (NR)	5.9* (4.3)	10.7* (5.8)	12.7* (4.8)	13.4* (5.2)	NR (NR)
Unknown	0.1* (0.1)	NR (NR)	0.0* (N/A)	0.0* (N/A)	0.2* (0.2)	0.0* (N/A)	NR (NR)

NOTE: Veteran may report more than one reason. Only one sub-category of "Total Two or More Races" is shown because all other categories were too small to report. The total "Responding on Item" is larger than the sum of the groups because some veterans did not indicate their age. * Low precision and/or sample size for the denominator between 30 and 59; NR: Sample size for the denominator less than 30; N/A: Standard Errors not available when estimate is equal to 0% or 100%

Table 4-29. (continued)***Percent Distribution of Veterans by Reasons for Never Using VA Health Care, Race, and Age***

	Race Unknown						
	Total	Less Than 35 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75 Years or Older
Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	290,253	38,424	31,861	83,069	64,496	40,453	28,838
Responding on Item	491,117	109,103	100,621	118,381	70,847	54,331	29,020
Did not need any care	26.0 (3.1)	28.7* (8.0)	16.4* (5.4)	33.9 (5.7)	26.0* (7.2)	23.7* (7.7)	NR (NR)
Not aware of the VA health care benefits	21.0 (2.9)	31.4* (6.6)	27.4* (7.4)	13.0* (5.8)	16.1* (6.7)	20.8* (6.8)	NR (NR)
Did not believe self entitled /eligible for health benefits	22.2 (3.3)	15.7* (6.3)	34.7* (6.2)	16.9 (4.5)	28.8* (8.6)	18.8* (7.3)	NR (NR)
Did not know how to apply for health care benefits	2.7* (1.1)	0.0* (N/A)	3.0* (3.0)	3.3* (2.1)	3.7* (2.8)	3.8* (3.9)	NR (NR)
Did not need or want assistance from the VA	6.9 (1.9)	3.2* (3.2)	2.4* (2.4)	12.8* (4.6)	7.5* (5.3)	12.2* (6.9)	NR (NR)
Applying for health care benefits too much trouble or red tape	3.5* (1.6)	0.5* (0.5)	7.7* (4.3)	6.2* (3.8)	0.0* (N/A)	0.0* (N/A)	NR (NR)
Never considered getting any health care from the VA	2.4* (1.1)	3.1* (3.2)	0.0* (N/A)	2.6* (1.8)	0.8* (0.8)	3.1* (3.2)	NR (NR)
Didn't think VA health care would be as good as that available elsewhere	3.3* (1.0)	1.0* (1.0)	6.4* (4.1)	2.8* (1.5)	0.1* (0.1)	7.7* (5.0)	NR (NR)
Uses other sources for health care	25.9 (3.3)	19.1* (5.3)	8.5* (3.6)	37.0 (7.0)	27.2* (6.9)	26.8* (8.4)	NR (NR)

NOTE: Veteran may report more than one reason. The total "Responding on Item" is larger than the sum of the groups because some veterans did not indicate their age. * Low precision and/or sample size for the denominator between 30 and 59; NR: Sample size for the denominator less than 30; N/A: Standard Errors not available when estimate is equal to 0% or 100%

Table 4-29. (continued)***Percent Distribution of Veterans by Reasons for Never Using VA Health Care, Race, and Age***

	Race Unknown						
	Total	Less Than 35 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75 Years or Older
Estimated Population							
Not Applicable	290,253	38,424	31,861	83,069	64,496	40,453	28,838
Responding on Item	491,117	109,103	100,621	118,381	70,847	54,331	29,020
VA care is inconvenient	10.2 (1.8)	8.3* (3.9)	6.3* (2.9)	6.1* (2.8)	15.6* (6.1)	16.2* (7.0)	NR (NR)
Other	17.2 (2.6)	15.3* (5.7)	20.8* (6.4)	14.7* (5.2)	19.2* (7.3)	15.4* (7.3)	NR (NR)
Unknown	0.1* (0.1)	0.0* (N/A)	0.0* (N/A)	0.2* (0.2)	0.4* (0.4)	0.0* (N/A)	NR (NR)

NOTE: Veteran may report more than one reason. The total "Responding on Item" is larger than the sum of the groups because some veterans did not indicate their age. * Low precision and/or sample size for the denominator between 30 and 59; NR: Sample size for the denominator less than 30; N/A: Standard Errors not available when estimate is equal to 0% or 100%

Table 4-30.***Percent Distribution of Veterans by Source of Care for Emergency Room, Outpatient Care, or Overnight Hospital Stays Only and Period of Service***

	Total	During World War II	Between World War II and Korea	During the Korean Conflict	Between the Korean Conflict and Vietnam	During the Vietnam Era	Post-Vietnam Era	Gulf War
Estimated Population								
Responding on Item	25,196,036	5,149,093	1,680,553	4,245,559	6,426,507	9,057,157	7,004,953	3,483,562
Total	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)
Use of VA health care only	7.2 (0.2)	7.5 (0.5)	8.6 (0.7)	9.2 (0.4)	8.2 (0.3)	7.8 (0.3)	6.7 (0.4)	6.3 (0.6)
Use of non-VA health care only	61.5 (0.5)	62.2 (1.1)	61.7 (1.4)	62.2 (0.8)	63.9 (0.9)	60.8 (0.7)	60.7 (0.8)	57.3 (1.2)
Use of both VA and non-VA health care	10.3 (0.2)	15.9 (0.6)	16.0 (1.1)	13.5 (0.7)	10.9 (0.5)	9.3 (0.3)	8.5 (0.4)	8.1 (0.5)
Use of neither VA nor non-VA health care	21.0 (0.4)	14.4 (0.8)	13.7 (1.0)	15.1 (0.7)	17.1 (0.7)	22.1 (0.6)	24.1 (0.8)	28.3 (1.0)

† This table only displays data for veterans who used emergency room, outpatient care, or overnight stays in hospitals. Veteran may indicate more than one period of service. N/A: Standard Errors not available when estimate is equal to 0% or 100%

Table 4-31.***Percent Distribution of Veterans by Source of Care and Period of Service***

	Total	During World War II	Between World War II and Korea	During the Korean Conflict	Between the Korean Conflict and Vietnam	During the Vietnam Era	Post-Vietnam Era	Gulf War
Estimated Population								
Responding on Item	25,196,036	5,149,093	1,680,553	4,245,559	6,426,507	9,057,157	7,004,953	3,483,562
Total	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)	100.0 (N/A)
Use of VA health care only	6.5 (0.1)	6.5 (0.4)	7.7 (0.6)	8.7 (0.4)	7.4 (0.4)	7.2 (0.2)	5.9 (0.4)	5.8 (0.5)
Use of non-VA health care only	67.5 (0.4)	66.6 (0.9)	64.9 (1.6)	66.4 (0.8)	69.3 (0.8)	67.3 (0.6)	66.6 (0.8)	62.6 (1.2)
Use of both VA and non-VA health care	14.1 (0.3)	22.2 (0.7)	22.0 (1.4)	18.7 (0.8)	14.6 (0.6)	12.7 (0.4)	11.2 (0.4)	10.6 (0.6)
Use of neither VA nor non-VA health care	11.8 (0.3)	4.7 (0.4)	5.4 (0.8)	6.2 (0.5)	8.7 (0.5)	12.8 (0.4)	16.3 (0.7)	21.0 (1.0)

NOTE: Veteran may indicate more than one period of service. N/A: Standard Errors not available when estimate is equal to 0% or 100%